



Position Description

Position Title	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep)
Partner Organization	Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Website	www.fs.usda.gov/r06/giffordpinchot
Project Location	Wind River Work Center - 1262 Hemlock Rd, Carson, WA 98610
Internship Dates:	May 11 to October 23, 2026 (24-week position, 40 hours/week)

Position Summary

In partnership with [Mt. Adams Institute \(MAI\)](#), the Gifford Pinchot National Forest will host six Land Stewards interns to serve as a crew of Forestry Technicians, with a focus on Timber Sale Prep. These positions provide a mutual opportunity for working to support implementing forest restoration treatments across the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. This work will support the local timber and restoration economies for the communities adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Interns will gain experience working for a Federal land management agency and field skills that will enable them to apply for future federal, state or private industry positions involving timber sale preparation and unit layout. They will also gain navigation skills, as well as naturalist skills like tree and plant species identification, as well as general understanding of Forest Service silvicultural practices and the commercial timber market. These positions will be based in Carson, WA, but will also travel to Randle, WA intermittently throughout the internship.

Essential Functions

To include, but not limited to:

- Designate on-the-ground sale area and cut unit boundaries.
- Perform boundary layout for timber cutting and sales complying with Environmental Assessment and Forest Plan.
- Select and mark individual trees for harvest using well-defined marking guidelines, silviculture prescriptions, and specific instruction.
- Prepare, develop, and execute timber cruises and sample surveys to estimate quality and quantity of timber.
- Use a variety of electronic field recorders to document timber volume and condition (Spiegel Relaskop, clinometer, compass, chain, diameter tape, increment borer, electronic field data recorder, etc.)
- Independently inventory timber stands, gathering information such as timber volume and condition.
- Traverse harvest units to produce maps using ArcGIS software.
- Attend and complete all MAI trainings and internship requirements.
- Complete and submit all necessary paperwork and reports in a timely manner.

Position Requirements

- Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and ability to provide documentation when requested.
- Between the ages of 18-30 years (up to 35 for military veterans), at the start of the program.
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or a non-citizen with specific authorization to work in the U.S.
- Ability to commit to the full internship.
- Must be physically able to be on steep and uneven terrain for full days; often carrying gear that could weigh up to 40 lbs. Duties occur in all weather conditions.
- Willingness to use GPS for way finding.
- Attend program orientation, MAI trainings, and other required MAI meetings.
- The schedule can have some flexibility but is typically Monday-Thursday; 10 hours per day.

- Selection, placement, and retention are contingent upon passing a criminal history check.
- Must follow all health and safety policies and procedures, including any changes that are implemented throughout the course of the internship. This position requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles and hardhats.

Preferred Qualifications

- Exposure to technical forestry skills
- Experience driving on narrow logging roads, and/or working in a national forest

Benefits

- \$13,200 stipend for 24 weeks; \$550 weekly (before taxes).
- Housing allowance (see more information below).
- Observance of federal holidays (site-specific)
- Professional development, trainings, and networking opportunities.
- Live and work in a beautiful setting with many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Housing

- \$850/month housing stipend deposited monthly with the living stipend (taxable).
- Forest Service bunkhouse-style housing is available to rent.
 - Furnished, dormitory-style bunkhouse with shared common spaces and laundry on-site.
 - All utilities are included (water, power, heat). There is no Wi-Fi in the bunkhouse, but it is available at an adjacent facility.
- Pets, firearms, alcohol, and drugs (including marijuana) are prohibited in the bunkhouse. Under federal law, marijuana & cannabis products are still classified as a controlled substance. Even though it may be legal in certain states, it is illegal on Federal lands, including campgrounds, buildings, and other facilities.

Transportation Information

- Intern is responsible for travel to and from the office; the office is within walking distance from bunkhouse.
- Public transportation is not available between the bunkhouse and the duty station.
- Agency vehicles are available for work-related travel.
- Interns must have their own vehicle transport for supplies/travel for days-off. It is the responsibility of the intern to get between the housing and the amenities of town.

Other Considerations

- The town of Carson, WA, 9 miles south of the Wind River Bunkhouse, has a grocery store, restaurants, coffee shop, etc. The town of Stevenson, WA, 13 miles away, is the county seat of Skamania County with an even wider array of amenities.
- Verizon has the best cell coverage in the area and across the Forest.
- There are many outdoor recreational opportunities nearby including hiking, camping, hunting, kayaking, mountain biking, etc.
- Spring/fall can be rainy, turning into a fair amount of snow at the office. Summers are generally warm and dry.
- Most field gear will be provided (cruiser vest, hard hat, gloves, etc.). Interns will be expected to have an 8in leather boot, with a Vibram sole that is supportive for project work. Intern work clothes (pants, shirt, etc...) are not provided.

About Mt. Adams Institute

Mt. Adams Institute is a nonprofit organization based in the rural community of Trout Lake, Washington with a mission of strengthening the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development, and research.

MAI Land Stewards is a career development internship for young adults, ages 18-30 (up to 35 for military veterans) interested in learning more about public lands and natural resources management. Land Stewards interns are placed at local, state, and federal land management agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and environmental nonprofits throughout Washington and Oregon.

Equal Opportunity Employer

MAI celebrates equity, diversity, and inclusiveness and does not discriminate against any person or group based on race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, expression, gender identity, ability, national origin or ancestry, veteran status, social economic class, religion, professional status, pregnancy, or parents/guardians with children. MAI is committed to a diverse workplace and to supporting our Interns and staff with trainings and career development opportunities.

MAI provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation and/or alternative formats at any point in the employment process.

How to Apply

Submit the following to Erica Keleher at erica@mtadamsinstitute.org:

- **Cover letter** - include your motivation for applying; and your experience as it relates to the position if it is not represented in your resume. If you are applying for more than one position, submit a cover letter for each position you are applying for (3 maximum).
- **Resume**
- **Three Professional References** (former supervisors, mentors, colleagues, etc. - military, civilian, or academic. Do not include family members.
 - Include - Name, relation to you, email & phone number.

Interview Process

1. **Mt. Adams Institute**
 - Screens Applications
 - Conducts interviews
 - Recommends applicants for Service Site interviews
2. **Service Sites**
 - Interviews candidates
 - Conducts reference checks
 - Recommends placement

Additional Information

- [Land Stewards Program Overview](#)
- [Land Stewards Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

Questions? Contact:

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